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1. In the evening of 14 October, the barracks installation in Droegeen was fully lighted. During the day, there was heavy traffic between the installation and the training field at Karlshorst. Soldiers armed with carbines and submachine guns, assault guns, spades and pickaxes were seen on the road between the installation and the training field. Most of the soldiers returned to the barracks installation about 3 p.m. Firing from rifles and artillery pieces was daily heard from the billeting area and from Karlshorst training field. 25X1B

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2. Firing from rifles was heard from the barracks installation on Lake Castawen on 13 October. Trucks 25X1B

25X1B loaded with personnel and equipment were seen leaving the installation toward Fuerstenberg. 25X1B

3. On 10 October, source observed firing practices at the target range near the former Ravensbrueck concentration camp, about 30 men being instructed on a sub-machine gun, and another detail practicing hand grenade throwing and close com- 25X1B

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5. At 4:30 p.m. on 11 October, a convoy consisting of one motorcycle and 6 jeeps 25X1B
 each of the jeeps occupied by four men with red-bordered black epaulets and signal insignia, was seen short of Gransee proceeding from the direction of Fuerstenberg toward Gransee. 25X1A

6. On 11 October, source observed an emplacement of 12 x 37-mm AA guns about 400 meters north of Steinfoerde, at a distance of about 200 meters from the road. The guns were arranged in an oval, the distance between the northern and southern gun being about 150 meters. The guns were covered with camouflage nets. No AA director was seen. Two temporary buildings measuring about 6 x 12 meters were seen near the emplacement. Source believed that an underground bunker had been built near one of the buildings. The road to the emplacement was blocked. 25X1B
 Eight soldiers and 8 trucks 25X1B
 were seen at the emplacement. 25X1B

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1. [] Comment. As previously observed in late September by another source, the barracks installation in Droegen appeared to have been occupied to capacity by elements of the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div in mid-October. See [] .25X1A

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2. [] Comment. It is still unknown whether the barracks installation on Lake Gastaven was occupied to capacity or only partly occupied by elements of the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div. See [] 25X1A is believed that component units of the regiment held exercises in the Lychen-Rutenberg area in early October. See [] 25X1A.

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3. [] Comment. It is believed that component units of the 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Mecz Army are stationed at the former concentration camp at Ravensbrueck. See [] The headquarters of the army is probably still quartered in the restricted area on the southern bank of Lake Roebelin. See []

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The AA guns which probably have to provide protection for the army headquarters were also observed by another source, which however, reported that it saw only 5 or 6 x 37-mm AA guns. See []

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[] the emplacement belongs to the 51st AAA Div.

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4. [] Comment. [] it is inferred that the convoy belonged to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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